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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*V. Douglas*  
*#10/Reg. for*  
*PATENT*  
*Recons.*  
*3/9/01*

Applicants: Sugiyama, et al.

Docket No.: 30598.0004

Serial No.: 08/960,431

Art Unit: 3723

Filed: October 10, 1997

Examiner: Nguyen, G.

FOR: FLATTENING METHOD AND  
FLATTENING APPARATUS  
OF A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 20, 2000.

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**REMARKS**

**I. Introduction**

Applicants' counsel wishes to thank Supervisory Examiner Joseph J. Hale, III for the courtesies extended during our telephonic discussion of January 10, 2001, in which Supervisory Examiner Hale and Applicants' counsel discussed the present Final Office Action. As a result of

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

PATENT

Applicant(s): Sugiyama, et al.

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TITLE: FLATTENING METHOD AND  
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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached herewith is a Request for Reconsideration for the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2000 in the above-identified application.

**FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:**

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	21	minus	21	=	0	x \$ 18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	4	=	0	x \$ 78.00 =	0.00
If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (per application)						\$260.00 +	N/A
						<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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Fee Calculation: Request for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98

N/A

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED**

\$ .00

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Respectfully submitted,

By R. Lee Fraley  
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Reg. No. 42,550

Dated 3/5/01

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